

**MAINE EMS
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2002
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: S Leach – Chair, R. Doughty, P. Knowlton, A Azzara

Staff: D. White, D. Kinney

Legal Counsel: L. Yustak Smith

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:41 a.m.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

1. Review for Investigation – Executive Session

The Committee entered executive session for the purpose of discussing investigations.

Motion to enter executive session (Azzara; Doughty – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 1:45 p.m. and exited at 1:55 p.m.

Motion: To initiate investigations # 02-01,02-02 and 02-03 (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries).

2. Calvin Paquet – Application

The Committee reviewed the information supplied by the applicant and requested that the applicant supply a more detailed explanation of the crime for which he was convicted and that he be scheduled for an informal review.

3. Amy Martin

Review of the applicant's criminal convictions was conducted with consideration given to licensure by consent agreement and/or informal review with applicant. Staff will pursue both avenues for the next meeting.

2. Investigations

A. Case 01-11 – Informal Conference

The Committee entered executive session for the purpose of an informal conference concerning case 01-11.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of an informal conference in re: case 01-11 (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 2:15 p.m. and exited executive session at 4:13 p.m.

The Committee discussed the disposition of case # 01-11. Consensus of the Committee was to work with the subject of the complaint, state staff and regional staff towards a resolution of this matter.

3. Applications

A. George Ryder – Informal Review

(Note: Committee Member Azzara was not present for this informal review)

The Committee conducted an informal review with applicant George Ryder regarding his history of criminal convictions.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Ryder's convictions for Unlawful Sexual Contact and the underlying conduct that led to Mr. Ryder's arrest and convictions. Ryder provided detailed information to the Committee regarding his conduct, conviction, and subsequent rehabilitation.

Motion: That the Committee recommends that George Ryder be eligible to receive a Maine EMS license in accordance with the terms of a consent agreement to be constructed by staff and the Office of the Attorney General (Doughty; Knowlton – motion carries).

B. Louise Wakefield

The Committee reviewed an application for license renewal from Louise Wakefield. Ms. Wakefield indicated an action by the Maine State Board of Nursing regarding a nurse practice issue. Ms. Wakefield supplied a copy of the consent agreement into which she had entered with the Board of Nursing.

Motion: That Louise Wakefield's consent agreement with the Board of Nursing does not constitute grounds for denying the renewal of her Maine EMS license (Knowlton; Leach – motion carries).

C. Jeffrey Reed

The Committee requested that staff schedule an informal conference with applicant Jeffrey Reed.

4. Other – The Committee was updated on current investigations..

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the next Maine EMS board meeting.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White,
Licensing Agent